

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An on-demand camera relay method, comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of video cameras, each having remotely operable directional devices, and an audio input device in front of a stage or field;

allocating a video camera to each viewer in advance;

transmitting an output from the plurality of cameras and from the audio input device to a plurality of viewers via a broad band electronic communication circuit network; and,

allowing each viewer to operate said directional devices using a receiving device each viewer has which displays the transmitted images and sound,

wherein a set of the video camera, the remotely operable directional device and the audio input device is operated completely independent of other sets of the video camera, the remotely operable directional device and the audio input .

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended): ~~An The~~ on-demand camera relay device ~~according to claim 2~~, comprising:

a plurality of units, each of which comprises a video camera which has a lens part and an image-capture element;

a remotely operable directional device, on which the camera is mounted so as to make it possible to point the camera in an arbitrary direction;

a remotely operable audio input device; and

a signal processing part connected to the camera and having an output circuit to process electrical signals from the camera

wherein said units are allocated to viewers in advance and are connected to receiving devices which output images for viewers in a one-to-one relationship, and

a set of the camera unit, the remotely operable directional device and the audio input device is completely independent of other sets of the camera unit, the remotely operable directional device and the audio input device so that the operations of each viewer are not affected by the operations of other viewers.

4. (original): The on-demand camera relay device according to claim 3, wherein said camera and said output circuit are provided separately and are connected by a cable.

5.-10. (canceled).